

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-7 (canceled)

Claim 8. (currently amended) A game machine comprising:

shift and display means for shifting and displaying various kinds of symbol marks; said shift and display means is partly constituted by a plurality of observation windows, and having prize winning lines formed thereon; and shift and display stop means allowing ~~the~~ a game player to selectively stop and display said symbol marks shifted and displayed by said shift and display means,

wherein said ~~symbols~~ symbol marks are consecutively displayed on each adjacent observation windows, and

in which a predetermined set of symbol marks stopped and displayed on one of said prize winning lines cause a wining prize to be awarded to ~~[[a]]~~ the game player, said predetermined set of symbol marks including a plurality of symbol marks neighboring to each other to form a specified symbol mark having a diameter approximately equal to the lateral width of said observation windows, and said specified symbol mark having a lateral dimension greater than ~~said remainder of symbols~~ that of each of symbol marks other than said symbol marks forming said specified symbol mark,

a random number generator for generating random numbers divided into a plurality of random number segments; a random number sampler for sampling a random number from the random numbers generated by said random number generator; storage means for storing table data having a plurality of predetermined reference values defining said random number

segments;

winning state determining means for determining a winning state on the basis of the sampled random number using said reference values of said table data;

stop control means for controlling the stop of said shift and display means to have a set of symbol marks stopped and displayed on the basis of the winning state determined by said winning state determining means, and

stop control interruption means for interrupting said stop control means for a predetermined period.

Claims 9 and 10. (canceled).

Claim 11. (previously presented): A game machine as set forth in claim 8, wherein said shift and display means includes a plurality of rotation reels each having various kinds of symbol marks drawn on the outer surface thereof.

Claim 12. (previously presented): A game machine as set forth in claim 8, wherein said game machine includes a slot machine.

Claim 13. (previously presented) A game machine as set forth in claim 8, in which said specified symbol mark includes a first semi-circular symbol mark formed in the shape of an upper half of a circular configuration having a diameter approximately equal to the lateral width of said observation window of said shift and display means, and a second semi-circular symbol mark formed in the shape of a lower half of a circular configuration and neighboring to said first semi-circular symbol mark to complete a circle in cooperation with said first semi-circular symbol mark.

Claims 14-16. (canceled).